

School Programs at Chain O' Lakes State Park – In addition to regular public programs such as those found on the monthly interpretive program schedule, the interpretive service offers private programming for schools, scouts, and other groups by reservation. The following information should help you plan an eventful and educational trip that is sure to leave an impression on your group. *State education standards, met by our programs, are listed on a separate page. Please contact the park naturalist to work out details on which standards you want met.*

Discover Wetlands

Goal: Students will discover the importance of both living and non-living components of a wetland. Students will explore the wetland and identify macro-invertebrates to determine the quality of the water. Students will learn the importance of wetlands and discover what makes them such a great place for both plants and animals. Students must come prepared to wade in the water.

Program availability: Summer/Fall (at park and possibly your site)

Age group: 5th grade and up

Group size: 15 (larger groups split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Chain O' Lakes State Park (possibly at your site), 60-75 minutes per group

Amazing Animals

Goal: To help student recognize the difference between cold-blooded animals. Students will observe fish, amphibians, and reptiles. Students will get a chance to look at different types of cold-blooded animals and discover what adaptations these animals have to survive.

Weather permitting; we will end with a short hike.

Program availability: Spring/Summer/Fall on-site or at park

Age group: 1st-4th grade

Group size: 20 (larger groups split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Chain O' Lakes State Park Nature Center or at your site, 60 minutes per group

History of the Stanley Schoolhouse & Chain O' Lakes State Park

Goal: Students learn and understand the history of education in Indiana and, specifically, the Stanley Schoolhouse located within the park. Students will sit in desks from the early 20th century, write on school slates, have a bathroom break in a (modern) outhouse, and The schoolhouse also serves as the nature center, so time can be allowed to explore it.

Program availability: Year-round, at park only

Age group: 4th grade and up

Group size: 25 (larger groups split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Chain O' Lakes State Park Nature Center, 60 minutes per group

Leaf Collections

Take the guess work out of collecting leaves. We'll help students build their collections using a scientific key to identify trees and leaves. Everyone will gather ten leaves and grasp an understanding of key terms and tree folklore. Students will also learn how to make a dichotomous key. [Optional Extension: Let's make a booklet and mount the leaves together for a small additional fee.]

Program availability: Spring/Summer/Fall

Age group: 4th – 9th grade

Group size: 15 (larger groups split into smaller group rotations)

Location & length: Chain O' Lakes State Park or possibly at your site, 60-90 minutes per group

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